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Gram Samriddhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. In the urban areas, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is in operation since 1.12.97, which also seeks to provide gainful employment to the poor. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth in both rural and urban areas. 10% of the total Plan allocation of the Central Government is earmarked for the development in North-Eastern States. An allocation of Rs. 100 crores have been made to strengthen and modernise vocational skill training in North-Eastern States.

These measures would provide supplementary impetus for generation of employment opportunities in North-Eastern States in addition to the employment generation efforts of the State Governments through various plan schemes.

Sanctioned strength of Section Officers in CSS

***179. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the sanctioned strength of the Section Officers in various Ministries alongwith the number of posts filled on deputation basis;
- (b) the actual strength of regular and ad-hoc Section Officers in various Ministries;
- (c) what steps Government propose to take to regularize all the adhoc Section Officers;
- (d) the reasons for not regularizing the ad-hoc Section Officers so far; and
- (e) the number of vacancies of Section Officers to be filled up through examination from among the cadre of Assistant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The grade of Section

Officer of Central Secretariat Service (CSS) is decentralised and the sanctioned strength as on 1.7.2000 as reported by the cadre authorities is 2353. There is no provision in the CSS Rules, 1962 to fill these posts on deputation basis.

(b) As per details furnished by the cadres, the actual strength of regular and ad-hoc Section Officers was 2142 and 162 respectively as on 1.7.2000.

(c) and (d) Ad-hoc appointments are made only as a stop-gap arrangement so as to ensure that the normal office work does not suffer and is intended to continue till regular officers become available.

(e) Appointments to the post of Section Officer in Central Secretariat in the ratio of 20:40:40. 20% of the vacancies are filled by direct recruitment through Civil Services Examination conducted by the UPSC; 40% are filled through Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) for Assistants of CSS and Stenographers Grade 'C' of CSSS with 5 years of approved service; and the balance 40% through seniority quota with 8 years of approved service as Assistant. The grade of Section Officers being decentralised, individual cadre authorities work out the vacancy position as per the prescribed percentage and report the same to Department of Personnel & Training who in turn advise the total vacancy position for direct recruitment quota and LDCE quota to the UPSC. In so far as LDCE quota for the Select List 2000 is concerned, 40 vacancies have been reported to the UPSC.

Taking VRS one day ahead of superannuation

***180. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item captioned "How to rip-off Government Coffers by retiring